

H.R. 4384—PATIENT SAFETY AND  
DRUG LABELING IMPROVEMENT  
ACT

**HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 18, 2012*

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, the Patient Safety and Drug Labeling Improvement Act is meant to address a troubling inconsistency in the law, created by *Pliva v. Mensing*, which does not allow consumers injured by generic drugs to hold the manufacturer accountable for inadequate warnings.

The *Mensing* ruling also eliminates any incentive for generic drug manufacturers to monitor the safety of the products they sell and propose necessary changes to labeling to the FDA, as currently required by federal law.

Under the Patient Safety and Drug Labeling Improvement Act manufacturers of generic drugs assume the same duties as brand manufacturers to monitor the safety of the drugs they sell and to ensure that their labeling contains accurate risk information. More specifically, the legislation authorizes generic drug manufacturers to independently initiate labeling changes through the Changes Being Effected (CBE) process under the same circumstances that apply to manufacturers of branded drugs in order to ensure that all drug labels accurately reflect current health and safety information.

HONORING DR. DENNIS FISHER

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dr. Dennis Fisher on his retirement as the Superintendent of the Park Hill School District in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Fisher started his career in education as a Junior High Social Studies teacher in Papillion, Nebraska. He also served as the interim Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services at the Liberty School District in Liberty, Missouri. He began his time at Park Hill in 1999 as the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services before becoming Superintendent in 2005. Dr. Fisher has a total of 36 years of experience in education.

Under Dr. Fisher's leadership, the Park Hill School District has achieved many awards. They became the first school district ever to receive the Missouri Quality Award and continues to receive the Distinction in Performance Award from the State of Missouri each year. Park Hill is one of the highest-achieving districts in the state, but Dr. Fisher has still pushed for continuous improvement through the years.

Dr. Fisher has received many acclamations personally also. In 2011, he was named the

Missouri Superintendent of the Year and received the Pierce Award, the Missouri Association of School Administrators' highest honor. In 2005, Dr. Fisher received the Missouri School Business Official of the Year award.

He leads not only 10,292 students, 1,400 staff members, and an annual operating budget of \$120 million, but also many organizations of his peers. He has served as President of the Missouri Association of School Business Officials, the Kansas City Association of School Business Officials, and the Greater Kansas City Administrators Association. He is also very dedicated to helping the community and has served on the Board of Directors for the Missouri Securities Investment Program, Synergy Services Inc, the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Platte County Economic Development Council, and the Parkville Economic Development Council.

I have had the honor of working with Dr. Fisher over the last few years and have seen first hand his dedication to the education and development of students in the Park Hill School District. His commitment to the students, staff, and community is all-encompassing.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in congratulating Dr. Fisher on his retirement and in wishing him the best of luck in the years to come.